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Serial No. 10803,231  
Response to Office Action

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT  
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : S. YAMANAKA et al  
Serial No. : 10/803,231  
Filed : March 17, 2004  
For : HOLLOW STEPPED SHAFT AND  
METHOD OF FORMING THE SAME  
Art Unit : 3725  
Examiner : BONK, TERESA  
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This is responsive to the Office Action mailed  
February 8, 2006, the term for response to which expires on  
March 8, 2006.

**ELECTION**

Applicants hereby elect Invention I, claims 1-5, for further  
prosecution on the merits, without traverse.

Applicants also elect Species 1, Embodiment shown in  
Figs. 1-7 and 21-23, without traverse.